what are the results of the CBI enquiries made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY):' (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they had brought to the notice of Chairman and Managing Director. Indian Bank certain irregularities observed in the matter of credit decisions. RBI in consultation with the Government had also conveyed its displeasure • the Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Bank in respect, of certain deficiencies found in the appraisal of one credit proposal. The Central Bureau of Investigation (OBI) is investigating the role of Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Bank in this case.

The term of office of Shri M. Gopalakrishnan as Chairman and Managing Director has been extended from time to time after following the prescribed procedure.

Implementation of computerisation programme by banks

1089. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and the bank employees have agreed for im plementation of the computerisation programme in the banks and if so, what *are* the details of the agree ment:

(b) what is the latest position about the implementation of this agreement and what are the reasons for time lag in the implementation of the computerisation programme;

(c) what will be the extent of die surplus staff, consequential to the implementation of the computerisation programme in the banks and how Government propose to utilise this surplus staff;

(d) what are the details of the superior technology available with the foreign and private banks; and

(e) how Government propose to make the aforesaid superior-technology available to the nationalised banks so as to enable them to complete effectively with the foreign/ private banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes. Sir. The Indian Banks' Association on behalf of managements of the banks, had signed a settlement on 29.10.93 with the workmen unions with regard to computerisation in the banking industry. The salient features of the agreement, as reported by IBA, are annexed as Statement, (*See* below) .

(b) IBA has reported that the banks are in the process of implementing the settlement. Since the process of computerisation is on an on-going basis, there is certain anount of time lag involved. Banks are, in a Phased manner, initiations the process of computerisation. The following information has been made available by IBA vis-a-vis the status of computerisation in the banks

(i)	Number of ALPMs installed	11019
(ii)	Number of banks which have installed mainframe (No. of installed is 17)	15
(iii)	Number of branches identified for total branch computerisation	2456
(iv)	Number of branches planned for total branch computer - sation	2374
(v)	Number of branches where total branch computerisa- tion has been completed	160

(c) As computerisation plans of the banks get underway, banks would be able to determine the surplus stafl as a consequence of the branch by branch computerisation. It is, however, provided in the settlement signed at the industry level that the staff rendered surplus on account of computerisation will be deployed elsewhere in the same city or town. Surplus staff would get adjusted in due course through redeployment on account of growth in business etc

(d) and (e) As a consequence of the latest computerisation settlement, banks are free to use any kind of machine/computer / technology for almost any kind of banking service in metropolitan/urban areas. As such. no disadvantage to the public sector banks as compared to foreign and private sector banks is envisaged.

Statement

Salient features of computerisation settlement dated 29.10.1993

1. Banks may partly or fully computerise/mechanise some or all operations in branches specified below:

(a) Branches located in Urban Meb ropolitan Centres and those falling within urban agglomeration and peripheral territories which are treat ed on par with metropolitan and urban centres for the purpose or payment of HRA/CCA with average daily number of vouchers of 750 or more per day calculated on an average of 52 preceding weeks.

(b) Branches not covered by (a) above, but categorised! as specialised branches carrying out Special func^ tions such as industrial Finance/ Corporate Banking, Foreign Exchange/ Overseas banking. Non-Resident Indian Banking, Credit Card Transactions Merchant Banking/Capital Market, etc.

(c) Non-business branches/offices carrying out 'special funcations' such as clearing transactions, rsgional col lections, drafts payable, central ac counting, etc.

(d) In addition to the above, each bank may partly or fully computerise/ mechanise every year branches as under—

(i) banks with total number of branch s not exceeding 500 as on the last day of the preceding accounting year	.'. % with a minimum of 3 crunches every year
(ii) bank with total number of branches exceeding 500 as on the last oay of the preceding accounting year.	0.5% with a minimum of 5 branches every year,

2. The Banks will be able to fully computerise 2500-3000 Branches in Urban and Metropolitan Centres as per the recommendations of the Ran garajan Committee. All restrictive clauses of the previous settlements have been removed.

3. The Settlement provides for Single Window Concept at Branches, Net-Working within Branches, Net-Working among Branches, Terminals at Customer locations and Enquiry Terminals for valued cusotmers in the Banking Hall. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) — Bankwise and on Pool basis. Note Counting Machines, Signature Verification Equipment, Pass Book, Bank Draft Printers, etc. and Communication and Data Transfer Systems between banks by use of the latest communication facilities available under BANKNET, I-NET, SWIFT, PSDN, etc.

4. The Banks will be able to use the State of the Art Teclnology for partial or full computerisation of Branches and for installation of communication facilities.

5. *Increment*

All workmen employees who are in the banks' permanent service and permanent part-time employees drawing scales wages as on 1st November, 1993 will get one advance increment in the scale of pay with all consequential benefits e.g. DA, HRA, CCA, PF, Gratuity, Pension, etc in terms of the Bipartite Settlements.

wholesale price Index

1090. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Income Tax Department has recently raided various premises of the well known Indure Pvt. Ltd., Ash Handling Pvt. Ltd., Design Pvt.. East of Kailash, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of each of the premises raided and unaccounted money and incriminatin? documents seized by them:

(c) the total amount of income tax deposited by the aforesaid companies during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHYV. (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the able of the House.

बहुराष्ट्रिक कम्पनियों के लिए बीमा और वित्तीय क्षेत्र का खोला जाना

1091. श्री धनेश्वर मिश्र : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने बीमा और वित्तीय क्षेत्रों को बहुराष्ट्रिक कम्पनियों के लिये खोल दिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Wholesale price rndx

1092. SHRI R. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inflation based on movements in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) put out by the Ministry of Industry, shows a rising trend in inflation in recent months, recording 11.5% for January. 1995;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inflation based on Labour Bureau's Consumer Price Index (CPI) for in dustrial workers (which governs the payment of DA) shows a steadily declining trend over recent months', and

(c) whether Government would come out with an authentic version of inflation graph depicting and real situation affecting the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANT>RASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to *(c)* The annual inflation rate based on Wholesale Price Index (WPl) which rose to a peak of 12 per cent in May, 1994, dropped to 8.9 per cent in September and October, 1994 but has since risen to 11 -4 per cent level at the end of February, 1995. The annual inflation rate based on Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers peaked at 11.2 per cent in September, 1994 and dropped to 9.5 per cent in December, 1994. Government remains vigilant in ensuring adequate availability of essential commodities, particularly rice, wheat, sugar and